A Comparison of American Rape Law to English and Welsh Rape Law

Why reformation of rape law is necessary:
- striving for gender equality
- the idea that men can be raped
- prevent toxic masculinity from inhibiting progress

Defining the law of rape in England and Wales:
- ‘a person (A) commits an offence if (a) he intentionally penetrates the vagina, anus or mouth of another person (B) with his penis, (b) B does not consent to the penetration, and (c) A does reasonably believe that B consents’
- DPP v K & Another [1997]
- Only an individual with a penis can be charged with rape

Purpose for choosing the aforementioned countries:
- currently residing and studying in one of the countries
- the philosophy of the other country differs greatly
- similar justice systems for ease of comparison

Defining the law of rape in the United States of America:
- ‘penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim’
- the Cierra Ross case in Chicago
- FBI definition is universal as supported by the Supreme Court

Analysis of individual rape statistics:
- USA: female-on-male 5.9%
  male-on female 20%
  male-on-male 4.8%
- E + W: female-on-male 3.2%
  male-on-female 25%
  male-on-male 4%

Issues of reporting:
- men are much less likely to report a rape
- the stigma attached to reporting
- the lack of belief in survivors
- homophobia

Reference: Statista

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